

**CHAPTER NO. 104**

**SENATE BILL NO. 514**

**By Cohen**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1519

By Buck

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 11, Part 3, relative to the arrest of a professional bondsman.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 11, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

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(a) A professional bondsman who is arrested in this state for a felony, or is arrested in another state or by the federal government for the equivalent of a felony in this state, shall notify, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of the arrest, the court or courts in which the professional bondsman is qualified.

(b) The written notice shall contain the following information:

- (1) Date of the arrest;
- (2) Location of the arrest;
- (3) Offense for which he or she was arrested;
- (4) The name and address of the law enforcement agency making the arrest;
- (5) The court before which the professional bondsman is to appear;
- (6) The date of the initial court appearance; and
- (7) Any other information the professional bondsman may want to include.

(c) Upon receipt of the notice, if the court believes such is warranted, it shall proceed under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-125.

(d) Failure to comply with this section shall result in an automatic suspension of the professional bondsman until such time as the court conducts a hearing pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-125(b), or until the criminal charges against the professional bondsman are resolved.

SECTION 2 This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 26, 1999**



JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 4th day of May 1999**



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